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WASHINGTON, D.C. – This week, U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) sent a letter to House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Chairman, John Mica (FL-07), requesting that any transportation reauthorization legislation the committee drafts include language that would permit the use of toll credits for Appalachian Development Highway System (ADHS) projects. The authority to use toll credits toward the non-federal match for ADHS projects was prohibited in 2005 as part of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).

"As the committee drafts legislation to reauthorize our transportation system, I respectfully request that you include legislative language that would permit the use of toll credits for ADHS projects," Congressman Altmire, Co-Chairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission Caucus, wrote in the letter. **"I can attest to the positive impact reverting to pre-2005 policy will have on the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the other 12 Appalachian Regional Commission member states. Specifically, it will allow for the continued construction of Route 219, a major highway located at the western end of the state that serves as a critical link along the Eastern corridor."**

Last year, Congressman Bill Shuster (PA-09) introduced legislation, H.R. 1218, to re-allow the use of toll credits for ADHS projects. Congressman Altmire is requesting that this legislation be included in the final transportation reauthorization legislation.

The full text of Congressman Altmire's letter to Chairman Mica is available by [clicking here](#) .